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1. I SAW FOREIGN MINISTER HUERTA AT 8:00 PM TONIGHT AND MADE ALL POINTS CONTAINED PARAGRAPHS 3 TO 5 REFTEL. HUERTA OUTLINED TALKS AND UNDERTAKINGS REACHED WITH UN REPRESENTATIVES AND PROMISED TO SEND ME A COPY OF AGREEMENT REACHED. HE MADE A DISTINCTION BETWEEN REFUGEES AND CHILEAN DETAINEES (AS HIGH COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE IS PARTICULARLY CONCERNED WITH THE FORMER), BUT I MADE CLEAR OUR CONCERN IS WITH BROADER PROBLEM AND ITS POSSIBLE INFLUENCE ON OUR ABILITY TO BE HELPFUL. HUERTA EXPRESSED REGRET THAT INVESTIGATIONS WERE TAKING LONGER THAN HE WOULD HAVE LIKED, BUT NOTED THAT NOBODY WANTED INJUSTICES TO BE COMMITTED THROUGH HASTE. HE ASSURED ME GOC SHARES FULLY OUR CONCERN FOR HUMAN RIGHTS.

2. POINT WHICH GAVE HUERTA TROUBLE WAS PUBLIC TRIAL. HE SAID HE BELIEVED CHILEAN MILITARY TRIALS WERE PRIVATE, BUT SAID HE WOULD CHECK WHAT THE POSSIBILITIES WERE. I NOTED THAT THE REASSURANCE TO INTERNATIONAL PUBLIC OPINION WOULD BE NOTABLE IF SOME WAY COULD BE FOUND TO PROVIDE PUBLIC TRIAL.

3. I ADVISED HUERTA THAT WE WISHED TO BE IN THE POSITION TO ADVISE MEMBERS OF CONGRESS PRIVATELY OR IN EXECUTIVE CONFIDENTIAL

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SESSION THAT HE AND I HAD DISCUSSED THESE MATTERS, AND I HAD EXPRESSED USG CONCERNS. HUERTA ACQUIESCED.

4. I ASSURED HUERTA OF SPIRIT IN WHICH WE MADE THIS

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APPROACH, AND I THINK HE ACCEPTED IT AS OFFERED.
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